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2:00 o'clock p.m. October 24, 2008 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. We're 3 all here. Good afternoon. The Indiana Civil 4 Rights Commission is now in public meeting, and 5 we have a quorum. 6 You have minutes from July. May I have a 7 motion to approve and adopt those minutes? You 8 all did receive --9 COMM. CARTER: I wasn't here in July, 10 so I'm not going to --11 COMM. GARCIA: I wasn't here, so I'm 12 going to keep my mouth shut. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: You haven't 14 read them? No one's --15 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes. I'll make a 16 motion to accept the minutes. 17 COMM. CARTER: I'll second. 18 COMM. RAMOS: Second. 19 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 20 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 21 COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye. 22 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 23

quarter are going to be more -- closer to a hundred percent because we'll be gearing up and moving into some of the programs and things like that with MLK and with some of the other programs that we do annually.

I don't expect us to be over budget. I expect us to make reversion, and as I stated at the beginning of the fiscal year, I hope that we take this opportunity to utilize any additional funds that we have. You know, if we make our reversion and we have additional funding, I want to use those dollars to the best benefit of the agency, whether that be through doing advertising campaigns, putting the money into new equipment, new services, different things like that. So, we want to make our reversion, but we surely don't need to give back any more than that reversion is.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: What's the requested reversion; do you know?

MS. ESSEX: The requested reversion this year is -- I think it's in here. I think it's a hundred and -- I want to say a hundred and

MS. ESSEX: Uh-huh, yeah. I don't 1 see anything out of the ordinary coming to give 2 us any difficulty, and we -- I try to watch that 3 very closely. 4 COMM. RAMOS: Thank you. 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you 6 7 very much. MS. ESSEX: Uh-huh. 8 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Is there any 9 old business? 10 (No response.) 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: New business? 12 (No response.) 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Any business? 14 (Laughter.) 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I wanted to 16 see if you all were listening. 17 · Okay. We do have some consent agreements. 18 Clem versus Covington-Veedersburg Public Library 19 and Dennis versus First National Bank & Trust and 20 Harris, N.A. May I have a motion to accept both 21 of those consent agreements? 22 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 23

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Aye. 1 Anyone opposed? 2 (No response.) 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 4 MR. BREWSTER: Excuse me. I just 5 wanted to point out two things. On two of the --6 James Brock and Qwauntania Norman, if we could 7 remove those. They have already been 8 administratively dismissed. It was error on my 9 part. I'm staff attorney, and I should have done 10 that, but -- so they've already been dismissed. 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. Thank 12 you. We'll make note that those two have already 1.3 been dismissed. 1.4 Reports by Commissioners on complaint 15 appeals. 16 Comm. Baynard? 1.7 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes, Madam Chair. 18 The case of Cotton versus MEDTEC Ambulance 19 Corporation, I would recommend we uphold the 20 Director's finding of no probable cause. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 22 motion to accept that recommendation? 23

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 1 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 2 COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye. 3 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 4 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 5 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. 6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Aye. 7 Anyone opposed? 8 (No response.) 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 10 Comm. Crenshaw? 11 COMM. CRENSHAW: In the case of 12 Cantrell versus The Harbours Condominium 13 Association, Inc., I make a recommendation that 14 we uphold the Executive Director's decision of no 15 probable cause. 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 17 motion to accept that recommendation? 18 COMM. GARCIA: So moved. 19 COMM. CARTER: Second. 20 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 21 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 22 Aye. COMM. CRENSHAW: 23

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                 COMM. GARCIA: So moved.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- accept
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    that recommendation?
                 COMM. CARTER: Second.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
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                 COMM. CARTER: Aye.
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye.
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                 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
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                 COMM. RAMOS: Aye.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: Aye.
                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Aye.
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            Thank you very much.
               (Discussion off the record.)
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Assign -- oh,
    in the case of Kunze versus Evansville Housing
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    Authority/Buckner Tower, I recommend that we
    uphold the Director's finding of no probable
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    cause. May I have a motion to accept that
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    recommendation?
             COMM. GARCIA: So moved.
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                 COMM. CARTER: Second.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
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And Comm. Garcia, Hodge versus 2063 Meridian, LLC.

And Comm. Ramos, Sanchez versus Employment Plus.

We would like now to hear our Administrative Update and the Director's Report.

MR. KIRKLAND: Okay. Basically we've been real busy. For those of you all that may not know, Josh is our new ADR person, who's -- Josh is here, he's down at the end, and he's going to be handing a lot of our remediation cases. We're trying to work on that with EEOC, trying to make that adjustment.

Those of you who don't know, Ms. Malone here is Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, so we've been in several trainings. We went to a human resource conference in Detroit, which that was very befitting. She, as a matter of fact, went to a law training in D.C.

Is that correct?

MS. MALONE: Yes.

MR. KIRKLAND: Right.

Currently Elena Love, who used to be our

could have new players in the game as well as we could have overall new leadership; we don't know. So, definitely we all will know on November 5th who's going where and what to do on what.

So, hopefully with that, the following week after the election is the first day that the legislators start to hearing recommendation bills, so that's when they have both Houses, both the Senate as well as the House, in on that Friday, where they get legislative -- what they call Legislative Day, so they'll be putting things together, so it's something we probably want to look at that we might want to voice out if we want to continue to carry that initiative.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. Very good.

Are there any questions or comments about the Education Reports?

(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I was impressed with the work that they've done, and I thought that it was tempered with a considerable amount of objectivity. It didn't reflect some of

our educational investigator, because we find the need -- that there is a need there, that we can 2 have individuals dedicated to trying to handle 3 those type cases, because those are some of our 4 longest -- cases that take some time to deal with 5 that. So, we are in that process, and hopefully 6 we can have that settled here by the middle of 7 the month. 8 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Uh-huh. So, 9 we've been proactive on both --10 MR. KIRKLAND: Exactly. 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- fronts, --12 which is a good thing. 13 Any other comments? Questions? 14 (No response.) 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. 16 Announcements. Our next two meeting dates are in 17 your agenda, November 14th and December 12th this 18 19 year. COMM. RAMOS: Chair, I will --20 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yes. 21 COMM. RAMOS: -- not be able to join 22 you on the 14th. I'll be in New York. 23

MS. MALONE: Madam Chair --1 COMM. CARTER: That just shows --2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yes. 3 MS. MALONE: -- I have a point of 4 order, and I may be inappropriate. One of the 5 cases that you assigned for review by 6 Commissioners, I've signed off on that case, but 7 I looked at it, and I think that the appeal was 8 well taken, and I would like for it to be 9 remanded back the agency for further 10 investigation. 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. Which 12 case is it? 13 MS. SHARP: Mumba. 14 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yeah, I read 15 that. 16 Is there any objection on the part of 17 Commissioners to that exception being taken? 18 (No response.) 1.9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Hearing 20 21 none---COMM. GARCIA: This is --22 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- would 23

1	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Just a
2	moment. I'm glad you called attention to me.
3	Owens yes, right. I skipped down to Crenshaw.
4	COMM. CARTER: And I think
5	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So,
6	Comm. Garcia, you if you will please take both
7	of those cases
8	COMM. GARCIA: Okay.
9	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Owens
10	versus Advance Specialty.
11	And if you, Comm. Baynard, would also
12	take " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
13	COMM. BAYNARD: Ray.
14	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: the Mum
15	COMM. BAYNARD: Ray versus Princeton
16	Lakes.
17	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Right.
18	COMM. CARTER: And I think I had a
19	third one, too.
20	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Uh-huh.
21	COMM. CARTER: The Beemon versus
22	A & R Transport, in addition to the two
23	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: It's not

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Yes. All right. Hearing no further announcements, let me ask if we're going to have -- we'll have a meeting in November. It's probably not too soon to ask if we're going to have a Christmas lunch. I'll just suggest that if you do have one, that we would love to attend. (Laughter.) MR. KIRKLAND: Yes, Madam Chair. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you very much, and we are adjourned. Thereupon, the proceedings of October 24, 2008 were concluded at 2:18 o'clock p.m.

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